

# Ellis Island

## Junior Ranger Activity

National Park Service  
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Ellis Island Immigration Museum  
Statue of Liberty National Monument



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## Be an Ellis Island Junior Ranger!

Hey Inspector! Time to be a Great Detective.

Directions: Explore the main building to solve how immigrants passed through Ellis Island. Head to the Information Desk to start your investigation!



### Leaving Home

Asking an adult family member or chaperone, why might you want to immigrate to another country?

### Great Hall

*(Walk up the middle staircase to the Great Hall. Ask a Park Ranger for the handout, "chalk mark").* Examine the list of diseases inspectors looked for at Ellis Island. What does a chalk mark mean?

What type of disease might this immigrant in this photo have?



What might the item (right) be used for? (Ask a Park Ranger to look at this item).



*Optional: Visit the activity station, if it is not too busy. Try to see if you can complete some of the activities at the table!*

**Finding a New Home** *(Head to the table marked "Ellis Island Inspectors.")*

Following the instructions on the table, choose one of the immigrant families. Fill out the information at the table to decide where you are going to live next!

Family Name:

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Country of Origin:

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Important Information about the Family:

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Final Destination in America:

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Reason for choosing this destination:

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\*\*\*Teresa is a new immigrant from Italy. Why might she want to live in an Italian neighborhood? What benefits might Teresa find?



Bonus: You can't crack the case without the right vocabulary. Recruit a Park Ranger to help define the terms, "immigrant" and "steerage class."

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National Park Service Ranger

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